IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The digital audio playback device as
set forth in Claim 1 A digital audio playback device (DAPD)
<pre>comprising:</pre>
an external interface included within the digital audio
playback device and coupled to a connected processing system, said
connected processing system executing a user interface application
program that accesses and controls said digital audio playback
device via said external interface;
a memory included within the digital audio playback device
and coupled to said external interface, wherein said memory stores
a reverse DAPD application programming interface (API); and
a processor coupled to said memory and said external
interface that executes said reverse DAPD API, said reverse DAPD
API causes said processor to access and control a user interface
associated with said user interface application program, wherein
the user interface associated with said user interface application
program is displayed on a monitor screen associated with said
connected processing system,
wherein said reverse DAPD API comprises first data which identifies

a manufacturer of said digital audio playback device, and wherein

said reverse DAPD API causes an identity of the manufacturer to be displayed on the monitor screen in a human-readable form.

4.	(Currently Amended) The digital audio playback device as
set	forth in Claim 1 A digital audio playback device (DAPD)
comp	rising:
	an external interface included within the digital audio
play	back device and coupled to a connected processing system, said
conn	ected processing system executing a user interface application
prog	ram that accesses and controls said digital audio playback
<u>devi</u>	ce via said external interface;
	a memory included within the digital audio playback device
and	coupled to said external interface, wherein said memory stores
a re	verse DAPD application programming interface (API); and
	a processor coupled to said memory and said external
inte	rface that executes said reverse DAPD API, said reverse DAPD
API	causes said processor to access and control a user interface
asso	ciated with said user interface application program, wherein
the	user interface associated with said user interface application
prog	ram is displayed on a monitor screen associated with said
conn	ected processing system,
wher	ein said reverse DAPD API comprises first data associated with
a ma	nufacturer of said digital audio playback device, and wherein

said reverse DAPD API causes said processor to access and control

at least a portion of said user interface to display said first

data in said at least a portion of said user interface displayed on said monitor screen.

- 5. (Original) The digital audio playback device as set forth in Claim 4 wherein said first data comprises a graphics file comprising a logo image associated with said manufacturer.
- 6. (Original) The digital audio playback device as set forth in Claim 4 wherein said first data comprises a Universal Resource Locator (URL) associated with an Internet web site associated with said manufacturer.
- 7-8. (Cancelled).
- 9. (Currently Amended) The processing system as set forth in

 Claim 7 A processing system comprising:

 an external interface included within and coupled to a

 connected digital audio playback device, said connected digital

 audio playback device plays audio files stored in said digital

 audio playback device;

 a memory included within the digital audio playback device

 and coupled to said external interface, wherein said memory stores

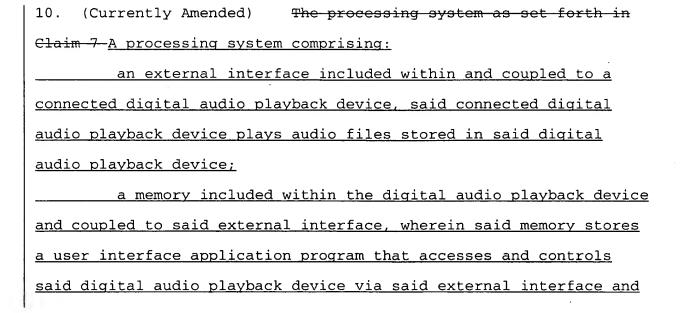
 a user interface application program that accesses and controls

 said digital audio playback device via said external interface and
 that stores a reverse DAPD application programming interface (API);

 and

a processor coupled to said memory and said external interface that executes said user interface application program and said reverse DAPD API, said reverse DAPD API communicates with said digital audio playback device and enables said digital audio playback device to access and control a user interface associated with said user interface application program, wherein the user interface associated with said user interface application program is displayed on a monitor screen associated with said processing system,

wherein said reverse DAPD API comprises first data indicative of an identity of a manufacturer of said digital audio playback device, and wherein said reverse DAPD API causes an identity of said manufacturer to be displayed in said at least a portion of said user interface displayed in said monitor screen.



that stores a reverse DAPD application programming interface (API);
and

interface that executes said user interface application program and said reverse DAPD API, said reverse DAPD API communicates with said digital audio playback device and enables said digital audio playback device to access and control a user interface associated with said user interface application program, wherein the user interface associated with said user interface application program is displayed on a monitor screen associated with said processing system,

wherein said reverse DAPD API comprises first data associated with an identity of a manufacturer of said digital audio playback device, and wherein said reverse DAPD API enables said digital audio playback device to access and control at least a portion of said user interface to display said first data in said at least a portion of said user interface displayed on said monitor screen.

- 11. (Original) The processing system as set forth in Claim 10 wherein said first data comprises a graphics file comprising a logo image associated with said manufacturer.
- 12. (Original) The processing system as set forth in Claim 10 wherein said first data comprises a Universal Resource Locator (URL) associated with an Internet web site associated with said manufacturer.

13-15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 13 A method of displaying information on a monitor screen, said method for use in association with a digital audio playback device (DAPD) and a connected processing system connected to the digital audio playback device, the method comprising the steps of: executing via a first processor in the connected processing system a user interface application program that accesses and controls the digital audio playback device; and executing via a second processor a reverse DAPD application programming interface (API) in the digital audio playback device, wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD API enables the digital audio playback device to access and control a user interface associated with the user interface application program, wherein the user interface associated with said user interface application program is displayed on a monitor screen associated with the connected processing system, wherein the reverse DAPD API comprises first data associated with a manufacturer of the digital audio playback device and wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD API comprises the substep of accessing and controlling at least a portion of the user interface displayed on the monitor screen.

- 17. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 16 wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD API comprises the substep of displaying the first data in the at least a portion of the user interface.
- 18. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the first data comprises a graphics file comprising a logo image associated with the manufacturer.
- 19. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the first data comprises a Universal Resource Locator (URL) associated with an Internet web site associated with the manufacturer.
- 20-24. (Cancelled).